

MEX INTRIGUE IS LAID BARE IN BLUE BOOK

Not Supposed To Be for Eyes of
Americans.

Carranza Planned Propaganda
Among Latin Nations.

VERA CRUZ ATTACK ORDERED

Federal Chief Planned to Cut
Pershing's Lines.

Troops Had Instructions to
Combat Any Sort of Invasion.

Laredo, Mex., Dec. 22.—Warlike
moves against the United States by
President Carranza in defense of
Mexican sovereignty are revealed for
the first time in Mexico's "blue book."

This book contains notes exchanged
between the United States and Mexico
and confidential messages covering the
period from Carranza's overthrow of
Huerta, thru Mexico's neutrality in the
world war. It is devoted to private
circulation among governments, particu-
larly among Latin America.

There are warlike pages, particu-
larly in the record of Pershing in
Mexico, called the "blue book," the
"Columbus case," Pancho Villa's raid
on Columbus, N. M., March 9, 1916.
One of the documents contained in the
book reads:

"Document No. 10, telegram:
"Celaya, Guanajuato, March 11.—Gen.
Manuel M. Diez, Empalme, Sonora:
"Am trying to prevent break with
United States. Fear anything may
happen. Place your troops in con-
venient points to prevent invasion of
American troops. You should have
everything ready to destroy the line
from Nogales south and order the
same steps to be taken in Saco and
Agua Prieta. If war is declared, order
construction of hand grenades that

will help us greatly. Hearty greetings.
(Signed)
"V. CARRANZA."
A similar message was sent to Gen.
Plutarco Calles at Agua Prieta, So-
nora, on that date. To Gen. Augustin
Millan at Jalapa, Vera Cruz, Carranza
wrote:

Expected United States Break.
"Our relations with United States
are at the verge of breaking on ac-
count of Columbus incident. I sup-
pose you are all ready.
"March immediately upon Vera Cruz
and take every kind of precaution so
that in case American marines try to
land you fight them."

During the negotiations at El Paso
between Gen. Hugh Scott and Gen.
Alvaro Obregon, following the Colum-
bus raid, Carranza telegraphed Obregon
from Chihuahuita:

"Make known to General Scott that
any American force crossing the
boundary line without both govern-
ments' previously agreeing to a treaty
to that effect, shall be considered as
an invading force and I will order it
to be fought."

The stand was repeated in subse-
quent directions to Obregon. Accord-
ing to the highest authority it is offi-
cially the stand of the Carranza gov-
ernment today. But circumstances may
alter the stand. Carranza's attitude
toward the United States has changed
since the twenty-fourth United States
infantry crossed into Juarez last July
and defeated Villistas who had pre-
viously whipped the Carranzista garri-
son.

In his formal report on the com-
pleted parley, Obregon said he did not
convey the warning to Scott at that
time but later, when American troops
crossed into Mexico to pursue the
Glenn Springs raiders, he imparted
Carranza's messages.

Ordered Vera Cruz Fight.
Carranza telegraphed on May 28 to
Gen. Alfredo Ricourt at Matamoros and
Gen. Reynaldo Garza at Nuevo Laredo,
the following:
"If American forces should come
across the border line into our terri-
tory thru any point of the line under
your charge, you shall order your men
to fight them immediately."
The following statement was made
in a circular note to the Latin
American governments, which appears
in the "blue book" in connection with
the incident at Mazatlan, June 18,
1916, when Mexicans fired on a boat
carrying American sailors from the gun-
boat Annapolis:

"The American government has or-
dered the immediate concentration of
its army on our border, with visible
hostility, wishing to draw us into
a fight that neither the Mexican govern-
ment nor the people have provoked.
Although unfair and unequal, such war
seems unavoidable since the govern-

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wheat to go to France tended to give
strength to the corn market. An advan-
ce in sterling was also a bullish factor. Op-
ening prices, which ranged from unchanged
figures to 1/2 cent higher with January, 1920,
and May, 1920, to 1/2 cent higher were followed
by a slight further advance and then by up-
turns all around to well above yesterday's
figures.

CORN—Oats were firm owing to contin-
ued export call. After opening unchanged
to 1/2 cent higher, including May at 1/2 cent
to 1/2 cent higher, the market eased a trifle and then
scored something of an advance.

PROVISIONS—Wheat in the hog mar-
ket pulled down provisions. Trade, too,
lacked volume.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.
(The range of prices on grain futures on
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May	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4
July	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4	136 1/4
OATS—	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4
May	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4
July	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4	82 1/4
WHEAT—	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
May	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
July	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
BARLEY—	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
May	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
July	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
RICE—	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
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